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MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The relevance of JP 2003-45004 is discussed in the specification.
A copy of the Rausch cited in the specification page 1(page 322, T. Rausch, Trans. of MAGNETICS Society of Japan, Vol. 2, 2002) is unavailable. However, the contents of MORIS '02 (Magnetic Optical Recording International Symposium) Digest Book is cumulative of the Rausch article.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

Respectfully submitted,

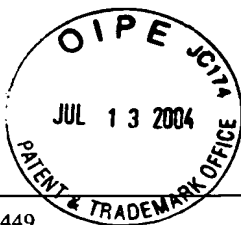

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